

It is companionship that leaves its mark on the life, that is, the entering into relations in which the spirits blend. Jesus himself showed love to all men, but he took into companionship only a few chosen ones. We are to be like him, seeking to be a blessing to all, but receiving into personal relations of affection and confidence only those who are worthy and whose lives will help in the upbuilding of our own life.

Sisters' S. C. E.

How May the Sisters Help In Missions?

I am glad that the Brethren church gives the sisters their liberty; that all are one in Christ. How may the sisters help in mission work? Considering the needs of the Brethren church, in the mission work, I would say the first great need was a thorough waking up to our duty. If we were fully awake surely our district mission work would not go begging as it has in the past year. If we realized that souls were perishing for the Bread of life and felt that the Brethren church could supply that Bread surely we would not withhold our dollars from the work. I believe there would be a dollar from every sister if she realized that that dollar was helping to save souls, but both brethren and sisters are so indifferent in this matter that it needs to be kept constantly before them; it should be preached about, read about, talked about, in season and out of season.

Dear sisters, this subject needs our attention. Let us study it carefully so that we may talk understandingly about it, then let us labor for it and pray for it, not only for our own district work but for the General and Foreign missions. These are worthy of our earnest consideration and prayers; we are needing funds and greatly needing young men and young women, educated and thoroughly equipped for the work, having their hearts filled with the love of God and the love of souls, going forth bravely, daring to do and to live for Christ.

And who is doing more for missions than the mother who carefully nurtures a son or daughter teaching him to love God and man as only a mother can teach him, loving him as only a mother can love him, and then giving him up to go and endure the hardships and dangers of the heathen country.

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Our Young People

MISSIONS: PREACHING AND HEARING

Rom. 10: 13-17.

Topic November 17.

READINGS FOR THE HOME CIRCLE

- Mon. Nov. 11, The gospel, Luke 2: 1-10.
 Tues. " 12, The messenger, Isa. 52: 7-10; II Cor. 5: 20.
 Wed. " 13, The proclamation, Luke 4: 16-21.
 Thurs. " 14, Minister and church, Eph. 3: 14-21.
 Fri. " 15, How shall they hear, II Cor. 9: 1-7, 12-15.
 Sat. " 16, A church home, Acts 11: 22-26.
 Sun. " 17, The topic.

Welcome to the missionary topic returning every quarter. Each study of the subject in the Word increases our interest in the cause. We wonder how so many can be indifferent to the great work. It is because they have not been taught sufficiently. If however the coming generation has not the missionary spirit it will be for some other reason because with our quarterly topics and with the department in the EVANGELIST, with the contributions of the volunteer band of the college, there is no reason why our young people should not be alive to the duty and need of mission work.

The whole Brethren church has been quickened since the holding of our annual conferences and each year the movement for missions grows stronger. This week let us study the scriptures on our topic and then consider the missionary enterprises of our own church which call for our support.

SCRIPTURE HELP

1. Preaching.

(1) Who is to preach, Matt. 28: 19. The work of spreading the gospel has been committed unto the followers of Jesus. Without exception all are responsible for a share in the work. Special persons may be called for special work as in Acts 13: 1-4 but every believer is to help to make disciples as did the first disciples. Acts 8: 4.

2. What to preach, Mk. 16: 15, 16. Nothing can take the place of the gospel in the salvation of the world. It only is the power of God unto salvation. What do we mean by the gospel? Have we a right to ignore any part of the gospel in our teaching?

3. To whom to preach. (1) To those at home, Mk. 5: 19. (2) To those neglected, Lk. 16: 22, 23; Rom. 5: 20. (3) To all the world, Acts 1: 8. Preaching, like charity, should begin at home but must not end there. If they will not hear the gospel in one place we are to go to another, Matt. 10: 23. This instruction was given to the seventy sent out by Jesus but its general principle applies to our work. We are to build up churches as we go but one church can serve as a witness for a considerable amount of territory. We are not to tarry at a place until all have accepted the witness but go on to "the regions beyond."

4. When to go—today. John 9: 4. This means that just as rapidly as possible we are to promote the work. Jesus himself spent thirty years in preparation but as soon as his hour was come he was ready. We need also to prepare but this work should be pushed as fast as possible.

5. Why go? Because with love for God and man in our hearts we cannot do otherwise. Matt. 28: 19; Acts 4: 20; I Cor. 9: 12. There are other motives but love is the highest.

6. How help the work of preaching? (1) Personally going, Acts 8: 4. (2) Giving, II Cor. 11: 8. (3) Praying, II Cor. 1: 11; Matt. 9: 38. Not all are qualified to go out as evangelists but all are qualified to help in some way and the person who will not help is a disgrace to the church which bears the name of Christ.

2. Hearing.

1. The voice of nature and of conscience is not enough for the salvation of the heathen Rom. 1: 18-24.

2. Yet they cannot know the gospel without a preacher. Rom. 10: 14. Our duty in the matter is plain. The Brethren church as a church has undertaken missions with commendable zeal. If the main body will respond the church will grow into great power and blessing.

What are the enterprises of the church which deserve our support?

What preparation is necessary before sending a missionary into the foreign field?

What field offers the best advantages for missionary work at present?

What has been accomplished by our missionary work in Washington? In Chicago? What more ought we do for these places?

How does the publishing house help missions? Why is it necessary to have it well supported before we can do much else?

How is the College also helping missions?

Where must we look for the persons to send as missionaries?

Where must we look for money to support our missions?

Where must we look for guidance in our mission work?

What can our society do more for missions?

The society at Ashland has a mission offering regularly at consecration meeting the last Sunday of each month which amounts to a great sum each year. Why cannot our society have a similar offering?

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Christian Life

FROM MANY PULPITS

Foundation of Assurance

Its foundation is the promise of God. There is a great tendency in man to find in himself the foundation of his hope. He seeks in his good works, in his virtue, in his charity and alms-giving the assurance of his hope. It is all-important for believers in these days to have a clear view of the objective nature of their hope. There is a danger of our religion being too introspective and becoming a morbid feeling of our own self-consciousness, rather than an objective realization thru faith of Christ, who is the foundation of our hope. We must grasp firmly thru faith the promises of the gospel in Christ Jesus our Lord. This will make our profession of Christianity more real, more fruitful, more objective, and a greater power in the world. We must be diligent with the duties of our profession. It is by a life of entire consecration to Christ and His kingdom that we alone can enjoy his assurance, and realize the joy of being saved. —John Hughes.

The Divine Philanthropist

The benevolence of some people is so alloyed, the one side with vanity, or on the other with self-depreciation, as to weaken the effect of their endeavor. Jesus Christ was the master of Himself. He has a clear preception of His own nature, and the mission He was sent to execute. The poise of His personality was perfect. The good which some do is an impulse rather than an aim. Jesus went about doing good, impelled by the sacredness of an eternal purpose. His emotion only emphasized the appeal which He made to men to become reconciled.